

Constitution and By-Laws Adopted for Richmond A.A.F.

COLTS' MANAGER SAYS HE WILL TAKE BATHS AT MICHIGAN RESORT

Griffin Grows Loquacious, and Writes Again of His Plans—Expects to Be Better Than Ever. Gossip of New Park and From Other Cities of Circuit.

By Gus Malbert.

Two letters in three days from Steve Griffin would be an event under any circumstances, but, coming as they do, almost as a surfeit, after weeks upon weeks of golden silence, when the arid waste was fed by nothing more substantial than vague whisperings from the presiding genius of the weather bureau that spring would arrive, provided it didn't linger too long in the lap of winter, the occasion almost develops into a season of great rejoicings and many celebrations. But that's not to the point.

Without even whisperings that the Damocletian sword of time is hanging heavily upon his hair—make it singular, please, to carry the joke—or even hinting that herculean efforts to land a rag in Richmond have sapped any of the energy of youth, Steve, nevertheless, though coyly, admits that he will spend a few weeks in Mt. Clemens, the noted Michigan conditioning resort, in the belief that "the baths will do me good for the season's work."

Steve Will Play Second.

Referring to the makeup of the Colt infield for the battle of 1913—an infield by the way, of which the Colt manager is exceedingly proud—he laughingly points to the midway station, the same being second base, which last year was occupied by a youngster named Griffin, adding the rather subtle remark, that the young man who played that position last year would endeavor to hold it down next season, and that, since his speed and accuracy was so well known, with the added advantage that he had one more year's experience, little comment was necessary. To which, were we inclined to be nasty, which we are not, insooth, we might add that the youngster in question kind of "hates himself."

There are yet two flingers to be flung into the Colt portmanteau, but, like all things good, the appetite must be fed on expectation rather than on the more solid food of knowing. Steve still insists that he is "waiting on every mail to close the deals." The same is true regarding a vacancy in the outfield, though it is hinted that along with Charlie Shaffer, of Norfolk or Tartown, whichever you prefer, he is after some of the sandlot stars of Washington, the which is very good procedure except that right at home there is a vast amount of material if there were eyes that could see and ears that would hear. We wot of several, including a young man named Saricino, who might be developed, but that home talent seems to be a drug on the baseball market. Outside of an outfielder and some pitchers, besides filling other weak places which might develop later on, Steve has absolutely nothing to do but to report.

Arrive in March.

As we have remarked before, Mr. and Mrs. Griffin expect to reach Richmond sometime before the ides of March, while the hands will drift in a short while later. After coming to Richmond, Steve will spend most of his time inspecting the new ball yard and giving advice about how things should have been done. Later he will put the men through their paces and tell them how things should not be done. Still, he is very nearly certain that a piece of calico properly inscribed with the words "Virginia League Champions, 1913," will float from the flagstaff in the new yard after the season is over, which is about as much as we can ask at this writing.

Speaking of that new ball lot, W. B. Bradley, who is the secretary of the club, nominally at least, but actually the workman behind everything that happens, hopes that it will be pleasing to the fans. "We are not putting up a concrete stadium," he said, "but we are putting up a first-class park. The club house, press accommodations and comfort of the followers of the game are being looked after. There will be no lounge—a mixup between the colored and white patrons, separate gates being provided for each. The seats will be comfortable and the stands will be covered. A score board large enough and so placed that it can be seen from any angle will be built. There will be ample telegraphic provisions and it will be as nearly big league as a minor league ground can be made."

Much Attention to Diamond.

The diamond, which will be of grass, will receive particular attention. It will be turfed in the latest style, by methods adopted in all the big league parks. It will be turtle back, which will necessitate filling in at some of the low points.

The turf will be cut in around the bases much further than at the old park, making it unnecessary for the player to come in on the grass to take the play. About two-thirds of the grandstand is complete and the work of fencing in the ground will be begun next week if the weather permits.

Contracts to all the men have been sent out. Some went Friday, but most of them went Saturday. Those who received contracts

FOUR CITIES ASK FOR BIG EVENT. A. B. C. TOURNEYS BOWLING EVENT

All Want to Stage Next Indoor Intercollegiate Championships in May. Toledo Will House Contestants, and More Than 600 Five-Man Teams Expected.

New York, January 18.—Though five months intervene, a four-handed fight in as many cities for the privilege of staging the next intercollegiate championships, which are scheduled for decision on May 30 and 31, has developed. Syracuse, with her new stadium, long contending for the honor, wants the official sanction, and Harvard University, with her great infield, has likewise put in another demand. Has Philadelphia a chance of playing a return engagement or is New York even much more than a remote possibility? is the double question asked on all sides.

One or two of the bigger clubs in this city are willing to put on the meet. It would pay better than in any other place. This is the contention of several important members of athletic committees.

Four champions have been decided in the Harvard stadium. Syracuse and Penn together argue that they are entitled to this year's event, particularly the first-named city, which possesses one of the finest grounds for putting on such a big affair.

It is not at all likely that Harvard will be considered this time. The matter probably will be settled amicably within a few weeks.

COULON FIGHTS IN PARIS.

New York, January 18.—Johnny Coulon, the lightweight champion, is not going to Paris to fight Ledoux, the French champion, despite the fact that he has been offered a guarantee of \$10,000 for the fight and transportation for three. Johnny says that he can get a guarantee of \$10,000 for fighting the winner of the Williams-Campbell fight at New Orleans, and on that account he intends to take this match and pass up the Paris offer.

THE TWO FRANKS



Frank Chance, on left, new manager of New York Americans, and Frank Farrell, owner of the club. The two seem immensely pleased with each other.

CLOSE CONTRACT FOR DECORATING

Richmond's Auto Show Will Be Different, and Everybody's Going, Too.

At the meeting of the Automobile Dealers' Association held yesterday at the headquarters of the Richmond Automobile Club, in the Jefferson Hotel, Chairman B. A. Blenner, of the show committee, reported that the work of the committee was practically completed.

"All but the details," said Mr. Blenner, and judging from the details that he enumerated, the members of the committee are likely to be busy up to the afternoon of the opening, February 1, and then some.

"The principal thing that remains," declared Mr. Blenner, "is the decoration. We have closed a contract with Edwin A. Seidewitz, of Baltimore, Atlantic City and New York, and we expect to have the greatest display ever seen in Richmond. Mr. Seidewitz has many original ideas on decorations. Most of them consist of bunting and flags and flags and bunting, and a few more of a somewhat different kind of a show. All shows are supposed to be alike. But when the people take a peep at our automobile show they are going to say that it is certainly different to anything they expected."

"Everybody's going. Don't forget that. Everybody who is anybody is going to the show, and don't forget it."

For Mr. Blenner appeared to be thoroughly in earnest. So did Manager T. B. Hutchison, who supplemented Mr. Blenner's remarks.

Chairman Robert B. Allport, of the publicity committee, had a few words to say.

"Let me tell you something," said Mr. Allport. "It has taken New York thirteen years to wake up to the fact that they have an automobile show in that big village. For ten of those years the show went along, and although many heard rumors about it, they

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INTEREST GROWS ACROSS OCEAN

Athletic Fever Increases, and Commissioner Sullivan Is Flooded With Inquiries.

New York, January 18.—James E. Sullivan, United States commissioner to the Olympic games held at Stockholm last summer, states that the athletic fever continues unabated abroad.

"There is hardly a foreign man, which does not bring me letters and printed matter telling of work in preparation for the Berlin meet in 1916," said Mr. Sullivan. "Everywhere there are signs which indicate the United States team will meet really formidable opponents at the next Olympic games. For instance, France has decided to establish a college of athletics, which will be for the training of French athletes for 1916. According to my advice, Marquis de Poignac is responsible for the movement, which I expect will go far toward developing the French youth for the Berlin contests. The training will begin next April. All official and amateur champions of France, as well as those who are able to pass the difficult tests of the college, will be eligible for a course of free training at the expense of the marquis."

"France, however, is not the only European country that is active along these lines. I have just received two applications from other nations who desire me to name American trainers for their teams as soon as possible. The Swedish Olympic authorities have asked for a government grant of \$25,000

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PENSACOLA GETS POSTPONE DATE FOR BIG TOURNEY

Pensacola, Fla., January 18.—Arrangements have been completed for the Cleveland Americans and the Toledo American Association teams to do their spring training in this city. The advance squad of twenty-five men of the Cleveland, headed by Joe Birmingham, will arrive February 2, and a week later the second detachment of fourteen players will come. The Toledo club will follow a week later. The park leased by President Sumers is now being put in condition for playing.

BRISTOL TURNS OUT REAL STAR

Nick Cullup, Portpaw, Is Bought by Cleveland for Tidy \$15,000.

NOT OUT OF HIS TEENS

Three Years Ago Was Student in King College; Now a Find.

Bristol, Va., January 18.—The Appalachian League, class D, which has the distinction of leading in point of supplying the demands in the major leagues, has the honor of having brought forth Norman A. (Nick) Cullup, the wonderful young southpaw, who has just been sold to the Cleveland Americans for a fabulous sum. Other associations offered as high as \$12,000 for Cullup, and it is said that the Cleveland management paid not less than \$15,000 for the youngster.



N. A. CULLUP.

the youngster, and now places a value of \$15,000 upon his head.

Cullup, now 22 years old, is enjoying his fresh fame at the home of his mother, at Chilhowie, Va., where he is sojourning for a short while. He is not "spoiled" or "stuck up" on account of the handsome figure that has been placed upon his head, but, naturally, a good smile, is this time wearing one too broad and all-consuming to come off.

Cullup was sold to New Orleans by

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ORANGE AND BLUE MAKES BIG SCORE

Record of Points Is Reached in Game With Hampden-Sidney's Quint.

Charlottesville, Va., January 18.—By defeating Randolph-Macon College to-night, 55 to 12, Virginia's basketball team incidentally equaled the largest score ever made on the floor of the Fayerweather Gymnasium. The men exhibited a decided reversal of form after their poor showing against Hampden-Sidney last night, displaying real basketball caliber.

The visitors presented a fast, well-drilled quint and played well during the initial half, holding the locals to twenty-one points and scoring five. The Orange and Blue opened the second period with a whirlwind attack which fairly swept the Methodists off their feet. Goals were thrown from all angles, Virginia's systematic team play in this half proving the pleasing feature of the contest.

Stickley and Gill, forwards, were ever nimble in advancing the ball in the direction of the nets, and their fellow guards, Churchman and Campbell, backed them up beautifully. Gill was especially brilliant, five goals being tossed by the tall manager. Stickley, the little athlete from Virginia Christian College, also scored ten points. He was in the thick of the fray at all times. Rixey, at center, was the mainstay of many bits of attack which the Methodists could not follow with essential force. He was far from his usual form in the opening period, but gave a clever exhibition at the start of the second half, capping the ball five times in rapid succession. Campbell covered wide territory and was credited with ten points.

The only goal made by Randolph-Macon in the first twenty minutes of

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A. & M. HOPES FOR WINNING TEAM

Baseball Practice Begun, and Sixty Answer Call of Captain Farmer.

West Raleigh, N. C., January 18.—Today Captain Farmer, of the A. & M. baseball team, issued first call for candidates for the 1913 squad, in order to get a line on the new material, which will make up a large part of the team, as the majority of last year's varsity are not back this year. There are only four old men back, these being Captain Farmer, centre field; Page, first base; Patton, second base, and Jaynes, pitcher.

The only apparent weak point in the team will be in the pitching men and there are about a dozen new men trying for this position, from among whom the coaches should be able to select a good pitching staff. The men who are trying for this position are Bass, Young, Kincaid, Wharton, Hudgens, Hines, Foster and McDearman.

Jaynes, of last year's varsity, should prove a good man in the box this year, and Lewis, who did good work in the box for the scrubs last year, should

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JEFFERSON WINS AT BASKETBALL

Charlottesville, Va., January 18.—Playing on the floor of the armory here this afternoon, the basketball team of the Jefferson school won a well-played game from the Hampden-Sidney College five by the decisive score of 32 to 11.

The team play and accurate passing of the boys was too much for their older and heavier opponents.

The chief features were the clever defensive work of the Jefferson five and the brilliant shooting of their forwards, Sinclair and Bolling.

Referee: Captain Churchman, of Virginia temple, Mr. Campbell, of Virginia.

COMMITTEE ADOPTS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR R.A.A.F.

After Explanation by Dr. Burdick, Federation Decides to Affiliate With Amateur Athletic Union. General Meeting Friday Night to Hear and Act Upon Report.

Explaining in detail the relation of the Amateur Athletic Union to such federations as that recently organized here, Dr. William Burdick, chairman of the registration committee of the Middle Atlantic division of the A. A. U., brought together the several factions in the committee appointed to consider the advisability of affiliating with that body, and so thoroughly convinced all that the A. A. U. was willing and anxious to co-operate in any movement which might have as its end the development of men and boys, women and girls, along sane physiological lines, that the sub-committee voted unanimously to declare allegiance.

Aside from solving the vexatious problem of A. A. U. affiliation, the committee as a whole accomplished a vast amount of work at the meeting held in the Blue Room of the Central Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon. The constitution and by-laws were adopted. Many changes were found necessary, and in making these changes Dr. Burdick was of inestimable help to the men having the work in charge. Dr. Hazen called the committee to order and every member, with the exception of Mr. Lovenstein, of the Y. M. H. A., was in his place. Little time was given to quibbling. The business in hand was gone at with sleeves rolled up and with an earnestness of purpose which foretold that much would be accomplished.

Committee to Name Officers.

The work of naming officers for the organization was entrusted to a committee composed of Messrs. Reithard, of the Y. M. C. A.; Lovenstein, of the Y. M. H. A., and McSweeney, of McGill's Catholic Union. This committee will meet Monday to name a slate. After the constitution and by-laws had been adopted it was decided to call a meeting of the entire body, consisting of representatives from every organization in Richmond interested in the physical development of boys and girls, men and women, for Friday night at 8 o'clock, in the auditorium of McGill's Catholic Union, on Grace Street between Eighth and Ninth.

The work already accomplished augurs well for the future success of the federation. Everything was harmonious, and while at times there were differences of opinion, the debate had a common end in view, and with that uppermost in the minds of all, practically every problem presented reached an amicable conclusion. Dr. Burdick exhaustively stated the viewpoint of the A. A. U. Of the many points discussed he showed that members of the public schools would not be required to register, even when open meets, as contrasted with meets held between organizations in the federation, were held. This was one of the points at issue in the original discussion of affiliation with the A. A. U. He told at length of the work accomplished by the Public Athletic League of Baltimore, of which he is the director. Particular stress was laid upon the welfare feature of the work; of how boys and girls were brought into the fold and corner gangs, the bane of the reformer and the worker among the young, driven out of existence.

No Individual Prizes.

Individual prizes for the competitive meets were voted down. It will be actually sport for sport's sake. The members will be taught that the mere development of themselves is an end to be achieved in itself, aside from any hope of reward. A means of financing the federation will be worked out by the executive committee under a plan which will not burden any of the individual organizations. A careful reading of the constitution and by-laws of the federation will show just exactly the character of work to be accomplished. Each club or organization in the federation is made directly responsible for its members and must in turn answer to the federation.

The Richmond Amateur Athletic Federation is fairly launched, and launched with every prospect of the greatest success. Starting with approximately fifteen organizations represented, it is believed that within a very short while this number will be trebled. Giving a common aim for all of the affiliated bodies creates interest, and interest created means attracting the support of those who may not now be members of the federation. The scope of the work as outlined is so broad and comprehensive that Richmond is bound to benefit. There has been lethargy in the camp of physical development, but the era of sloth has disappeared and in its place has arisen a desire to do something concrete, something real toward enlightening all regarding the necessity for building clean and strong men and women.

To Hold Classes.

Part of the work will be educational in the real sense of the word. Realizing that a number of boys and girls attached to no organization would like to avail themselves of the benefits accruing from the federation, and also realizing that men will arise who will want to

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TRACKMEN TRIED OUT AT VIRGINIA TENNIS CHAMP HAS HARD YEAR

Several Show Form, Though Many Are Kept In Through Injuries. Maurice McLoughlin Must Meet Many Cracks in Defending His Title.

Charlottesville, Va., January 18.—The initial try-out of the season for Virginia's track and field squad was held this afternoon on the board track back of Madison Hall. The events were not well filled, however, as a number of the men are in poor condition. The time made was not given out by Lannigan.

The fifty-yard hurdles was won by Hugh Benet, formerly of Woodberry Forest, and a promising candidate for the football team, the post season until he sustained an injury to his right arm. Cornley, from the Episcopal High School, captured the fifty-yard dash after a pretty race.

The only other events in which there was any competition to speak of were the half mile and mile. The former went to Beckett, who captured the same event at the Georgetown meet last year. The mile was annexed by Humbolt.

Among the freshmen who did not compete were Wright, who is suffering from a sprained leg; Maxson, the Texas who showed up well in the Olympic try-outs at Chicago last summer, and Sprague, who only recently dropped out of basketball in order to devote a entire time to track work.

The squad will be augmented next week by a quarter miler from the University of Pennsylvania, who is expected to matriculate on Monday. Track trials will be held regularly each Saturday afternoon until the opening of the indoor season. Despite the loss of so many former stars from one cause and another, trainer Lannigan is hopeful of making a good showing with his squad this winter.

AUTO CLUB MEETS.

The monthly meeting of the Richmond Automobile Club will be held at its club rooms, in the Jefferson hotel, to-morrow night at 8 o'clock sharp.

A change in the by-laws, Section 4, Article, substituting the word "owner" for "driver," will be submitted to vote of the club.

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